



Ten Local Nonprofits Receive Grants from Rising Generation Philanthropists

The 2022 class of the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative awarded a total of \$60,000

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – June 23, 2022—Following six months of learning about strategic philanthropy, twelve rising generation philanthropists have completed The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida’s experiential program—the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative, now in its 23rd year. The twelve members of the 2022 WPI class delved more deeply into our community’s needs and opportunities, and how to maximize their charitable giving, just like their predecessors. After exploring critical issues in the community and learning how to define their philanthropic leadership style, each class member chose a nonprofit in which to invest. The Community Foundation matches each participant’s grant with discretionary dollars, resulting in a total of \$60,000 granted to the following organizations this year:

- Jewish Family & Community Services for Emergency Relief
- Seaside Playgarden Playground
- Tiger Academy
- Boys & Girls Club of NEFL Summer Academy
- Mission of Hope and Family Meals for Haiti
- Marine Science Education Program of DCPS
- YMCA of First Coast
- Sandy Miller Metrotown program of One Jax Institute
- Stronger than Stigma
- Groundwork Jacksonville

“The WPI program is a cornerstone program for our engagement with the rising generation of philanthropists,” said The Honorable Brian J. Davis, chair of The Community Foundation Board of Trustees, who addressed the class at their closing event. “The exposure to strategic philanthropy, how our community works and the variety of nonprofits making our community the best place to live, work and play, makes this a one-of-a-kind experience. We are proud to continue to support this initiative now over 20 years old with more than 110 alumni.”

Members of the Class of 2022 include Nicole Brown, Matt Del Pizzo, Megan Bush Del Pizzo, Laura Hodge, Mike Hodge, Josh Longmire, Lloyd Regas, Maureen Regas, Graham Riley, Marcus Rowe, Lior Spring, and Haley Trager.

The Community Foundation has been identifying and guiding the next generation of philanthropists through this program since 1999. In 2013, in recognition of the philanthropic leadership provided to the community by J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver, the initiative was renamed the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative.



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About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 58th year, the Foundation has assets of \$630 million and has made nearly \$640 million in grants since 1964.

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